

Vision 21 Implementation Committee
Minutes – August 12, 2004
Approved Nov. 4, 2004

Members Present: Victoria Hasse, Meg O'Brien, Sarah Oaklander, Jennifer Page, Diane Stafford, Barry Winston

Members Absent: Joe Greene, Matt Hausmann, Tim Higgins, Bill Hofmann, Paul Solomon

Also Present: Kathryn Bonfiglio, Jenny Fallon

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by the Chair, Jennifer Page.
2. The minutes from July 15 were approved as amended.
3. Kathryn Bonfiglio of the Belmont Neighbors Network gave a report on her committee's progress in planning the "Meet Belmont" evening to be held on Tuesday August 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the library.

A list of the organizations was shared with the group. This year they expect to have more town departments in attendance. The event will be in two rooms in the lower level, as well as having the children's room staffed. The Claflin room upstairs may also be open. The VIC will assist with volunteers to help with parking, (a number of locations were taken into consideration).

Tent Cards will be placed on the tables. No tables in the hall. If possible, a poster size map will be placed in the front hall to identify the location of the various groups. The planning group will take care of the drinks and cups. VIC will take care of the food. Food and drinks will be in both main rooms.

Articles have already started in the paper and will continue every week. Additionally, information will be included in the electric bill. Flyers are being placed around town. Volunteers will need to arrive starting at 5 p.m. Two will be needed to direct traffic to parking areas and provide other direction.

The VIC congratulated Kathryn for the excellent organization of the event by her and her committee.
4. Updates:
 - 4.1 BEDPG – Sara Oaklander, reporting
Throughout the life of BEDPG, people wanted to talk about underlying problems, not quick fixes. BEDPG is preparing a final report for the Selectmen, describing the things they have done and making recommendations for next steps.
 - 4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR – Jenny and Jennifer reporting
No funds have been raised yet. Belmont Savings may give \$1000. Will not know until September.
Proposals have also been submitted to Citizens Bank, to Cambridge Savings Bank and to Bank of America. All are pending.
.Watertown Savings has not been approached yet.
A lot of people are interested in the event.
Victoria is taking over the food logistics.
A big push will be to get volunteers. The planning group will be checking with the PTO and others for volunteers.
5. OTHER BUSINESS

The group felt we should prepare a response to Boston's Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the redevelopment projects in Belmont, Lexington and Waltham. They seek input regarding whether they should spend \$200,000 of federal funds to determine how redevelopment projects may affect traffic. Assuming we will submit comments, the group brainstormed what should be said. Jennifer will check with Tim Higgins and Mel on what this group is and on whether either the Board of Selectmen or the Planning Board is expecting to comment. Jennifer will draft our statement, circulate to all. Meg and Sara offered to move the project along, as Jennifer will be out of town for a week.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 9 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Winston
Secretary Pro Tem